GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Healthcare Industry
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Indian healthcare industry faces lack of basic infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the budget allocation to health sector in the country is very low when compared to countries like United States of America and United Kingdom where they spend large amounts of money on their healthcare budgets;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the skilled medical graduates choose to go abroad or stay in urban areas for better remuneration; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): As per National Health Profile 2016, published by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, the detail of health infrastructure in the country is annexed.

(c) & (d): As per World Health Organisation, Global Health Expenditure data base, General Government health expenditure as percentage of Government expenditure in India was 5 % in 2014 as compared to United States of America 21% and United Kingdom 17%.

(e) & (f): The Government has taken note that some doctors migrate to other countries for pursuing higher studies and employment. However, no such data is maintained centrally. Medical Council of India (MCI) issues Good Standing Certificate to Indian doctors who wish to serve abroad. It has issued 4701 Good Standing Certificates during 01-04-2013 to 31-03-2016.

Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of doctors in public health facilities lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for engagement of doctors on contractual basis, based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

Support is also provided to States/UTs for hard area allowance to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas.